

MAXWELL TELLS A FEW FACTS ABOUT PROPOSED WILLARD-MORAN BOUT—OTHER SPORTS

OVERWEIGHT WAS WILLARD'S REASON TO POSTPONE GO

Champion Could Not Get in Shape in One Month's Time

NEW DATE IS MARCH 25

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Perhaps Jess Willard and Frank Moran will meet in New York to bat for the heavyweight championship of the world. It looked for a while as if they would not. Developments in the last few days pointed to a postponement...

As had been pointed out in these columns before, Willard was 60 pounds overweight and not in the best physical shape. He worked out in a Chicago gymnasium last week and found that it would be difficult to train down in four weeks so as to be in condition to make a creditable showing against Moran...

Conflicting Reports

Reports from Chicago were conflicting. One story was that Willard was so sick that he was confined to his bed, unable to see any one. Another said that Jess was just as well as ever and the champion was spending most of his time riding around in his automobile...

Moreover, Moran Knew the Check Was Good

Frank Moran refused to claim Jess Willard's forfeit. Tell it not in Ascalon, Nor whisper it in Gath, But Frank Moran has boldly braved The Boxers' Union wrath...

Those who say we fake it: Text Rickard offered money to a man who wouldn't take it.

money Jess would be still \$2500 ahead of the game. Moran also has a \$2500 forfeit up, but that, too, was presented to him by Rickard. From where we are setting it appears that Mr. Rickard is the only one who will be "set" if the sidestepping is successful.

O'Brien vs. Revoire

Philadelphia Jawn O'Brien will send Brother Jack against Eddie Revoire in Norristown next Tuesday night, over the 15-round bout. Brother Jack will allow his opponent at least 10 pounds advantage in weight, but he is anxious to keep busy and show the public that he can take them on regardless of their avoirdupois.

Vacation for Moran

In the meantime, Frank Moran has left Sulphur Springs to indulge in a slight vacation until Jess recovers sufficiently to resume training. Perhaps Frank is unwilling to take an unfair advantage over the champion and will start even with him again next week. Moran is in good condition right now and could jump into the ring against the hardest opponent.

Erne After Borrell

Jim Feeny breaks in today with the following: I wish to inform you that Ralph Erne is now under my management and has been in strict training for the last three weeks. Erne stands ready to meet any middleweight in the world. Joe Borrell preferred. Ralph was not in condition for his last contest, and his long layoff affected his work. Now that he is in his normal form he wants to show his old-time form to dear old Richmond that he can beat Borrell and guarantee to stop him within six rounds or forfeit his entire purse.

Chance for Chaney

George Chaney will have an opportunity to show that he is a legitimate featherweight if he needs the challenge hurled at him by Tommy Buck, who has just returned from an invasion of the West. Moran tells us that he will box Chaney at 122 pounds ringside and dares him to accept. And Tom says he has \$200 in real American currency to go as a forfeit for weight.

DILLON AFTER MORAN GO

Hoosier Says He Could Knock Out Pittsburgh Heavy NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Sam Murbarger, manager for Jack Dillon, today offered to bet \$10,000 at even money that his man could knock out Frank Moran in 10 rounds.

MURBARGER MADE THE OFFER AT THE SAME TIME THAT HE HURLED A CHALLENGE AT MORAN TO MEET DILLON HERE ON MARCH 15

"If Dillon cannot stop Moran in 10 rounds, I don't want a cent for Dillon's services," declared Murbarger.

OFFICIAL AMERICAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE, 1916

Table with columns for cities (Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Abroad) and dates for various events like 'Champion Batter', 'Champion Base Stealer', 'Champion Slugger', etc.

NEW DRAFT RULE TO HIT SNAG AT LEAGUE MEETING

American Circuit Magnates Express Desire to Turn Down Ebbets' Suggestion

COMMISH SESSION OFF

By a Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Prior to going into session at 1 o'clock this afternoon several American League magnates expressed a desire to turn down the new draft rule suggested by Charley Ebbets, of the Brooklyn club, and ratified by the National League. President Ben Johnson, of the American League, said he could see no reason why the rule should be adopted, but that he would present it at the meeting.

Puts It Up to League

"I have no voice in the matter. It is my duty to place the National League's resolutions before the American League. They will vote as they see fit, and I will be perfectly satisfied with anything they do."

DR. JOHN KEOUGH TO WED HOLYOKE GIRL ON MARCH 6

Former Penn Athlete Quietly Engaged to Miss Burke Since Christmas

COACH AT WEST PHILLY

Dr. John J. Keogh, coach of the West Philadelphia High School football team and former University of Pennsylvania athlete, is to be married in Holyoke, Mass., on March 6, to Miss Helen G. Hurke, one of Holyoke's most popular beauties.

Doctor Keogh is at present engaged in the practice of dentistry at his home, 246 South 4th street, West Philadelphia, and is a member of the firm of Deever, Wittington & Keogh, retail stationers.

Next Monday the West Philly coach will begin an instructorship in the University of Pennsylvania Dental School, from which he was graduated three years ago. Miss Burke is a teacher in the Holyoke schools, and is a graduate of the high school there and also the Sloyd School of Boston. The pair met in 1908 at a dinner party at York Harbor, Me.

Doctor Keogh's home is at South Hadley Falls, Mass., and he has won fame as one of the best all-around athletes in that vicinity. He first attended Amherst College, playing on the varsity football team, but later changed to Penn. While at Penn he was a member of the varsity football and basketball teams and was well known for his fighting spirit.

Two games of more than ordinary interest are scheduled for the West Branch Y. M. C. A. tonight, when the West Branch five meets Trenton, Y. M. C. A. and the EVENING LEDGER combats the Evening Telegraph in a game for the newspaper championship series.

The game between the Y. M. C. A. fives will decide the difference of opinion as to whether West Branch or Trenton has the better team. These teams met several weeks ago on the latter's floor, and the West Branchers suffered a questionable defeat by three points.

The referee in this game ruled out a pair of field goals scored by the local five, claiming that they were not made according to the interscholastic code, which the West Branchers were forced to accept.

Interest of the newspaper world is centered on the other game. The Telegraph has a speedy five that has been winning games regularly, while the EVENING LEDGER has a team of old stars, that will attempt to "come back."

TENNIS FAN WISHES EXPERT TO CRITICISE JUNIORS' PLAY

THE following letter has been received by the EVENING LEDGER's tennis editor: Sir—In response to the invitation in your latest article to contribute any suggestion bearing upon the proposed junior tournament, I beg to offer the following: Since the purpose of the arrangement is to increase the interest and skill of the younger players, and since constructive criticism is a big factor in one's improvement, why not have some competent person observe and point out the weak points of each fellow's game during the tournament?

NEWS FROM BOWLING ALLEYS Spartan defeated Underdown No. 1 team two games out of three in the Artisan League series last night on Keystone Alloys. Northwestern No. 1 lost a great chance to catch up with the leaders by losing all three to Progressive. The Progressive squad scored its best game in the first attack on the pins, totaling 910. Spartan won the second game by one pin, the total score being 2910. Spartan captured the final by 11 pins. Willard's 2nd was the highest single game score of the series.

Progressive topped over 900 pins in the first game against Northwestern No. 1, Daney tallying 255, the latter score being high single game for the evening. Ask Lane totaled 801, 804 and 912.

ASK LANE WAS IN GOOD FORM, WINNING THREE DIVISIONS AND TOPPING OVER 900 PINS IN THE FIRST GAME AGAINST NORTHWESTERN NO. 1. DANAY TALLIED 255, THE LATTER SCORE BEING HIGH SINGLE GAME FOR THE EVENING.

Jail for Cleveland's Boxing Solons? Perhaps CLEVELAND, Feb. 17.—D. E. Green, attorney for the Federated Churches, has warned Mayor Davis' Boxing Commission members they are "starting a penitentiary sentence in the face" if they permit a single bout to be staged here.

Green cited a State law providing penitentiary sentences of from one to ten years for persons permitting a prize fight, and intimated the Federated Churches will seek to prove every match a "prize fight."

Despite this warning the City Council passed an ordinance establishing the commission and providing money for salaries.

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ATHLETICS OPEN 1916 SEASON AT BOSTON APRIL 12

Mackmen Will Play First Home Game April 20 With World's Champions

TEAM HOME JULY 4

The American League 1916 schedule, announced today, sets the date for cracking open the season at April 12, the same day the Nationals open, and the final game October 4, one day earlier than the last game in the National circuit.

Opening games are announced as follows: Detroit at Chicago, St. Louis at Cleveland, Washington at New York, Philadelphia at Boston.

Chicago will play at Detroit, Cleveland at St. Louis, Philadelphia at New York and Washington at Boston on Decoration Day double-headers.

MOORE TO MEET FARRELL IN SPECIAL BOXING SHOW Bobby Gunnis to Make Debut as Promoter and Matchmaker

A new boxing promoter and matchmaker will enter the local pugilistic field on the night of Washington's Birthday, when Bobby Gunnis stages a special show at the Douglas A. C. This program, according to Gunnis, is an experiment, and if it proves successful he plans to go into the game on a higher scale.

Wilson Satisfied With Trade DECATUR, Ill., Feb. 17.—Art Wilson, former Whaler basketball, today declared he was satisfied with his sale by the Cubs to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

INTRODUCTION LORD CIGAR "EXCEEDINGLY BETTER"

Important Matter

This was the most important matter to be taken up, as the sale of the Cleveland club has already been approved, and the new owner, C. J. Dunn, of Chicago, formally introduced.

There will be no meeting of the National Commission tomorrow, despite statements to the contrary. Garry Herrmann, chairman of the commission, wired that he might possibly arrive tomorrow, but after conferring with President Tener, of the National League, Ban Johnson wired that he would not be there, and that a session would be held in Chicago early next week.

Trade Rumor Spiked A wild yarn was printed this morning that a trade was under way between the White Sox and Yankees, whereby Joe Jackson, the famous slugger, would go to New York in exchange for Frita Maiese. The rumor started in Chicago, and naturally was picked up all over the country.

Vollmer Breaks Tank Marks In winning the metropolitan swimming championship for 200 yards in the tank of the New York Y. C. Club last night, Herbert Vollmer, of the home organization and Columbia University, set two new world records in addition to bettering the standard for 200 yards, which he had set in 1914.

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